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Petri Kykyni fights for the lead in the Great Lakes Regional Cross Country Championship. ... Sports, Page 8

## Supreme Court case may alter student activity fee policy

BY RHONDA CLARK  
Associate Editor

is a violation of free speech or a public university's ability to fund viewpoint-neutral student speech?

That's the issue the U.S. Supreme Court began deliberating Tuesday. In *Wisconsin v. Southworth*, a decision, come next spring, could affect the Missouri Southern campus. At stake in the case is whether a public university's student fees violate the free speech of students who do not want to fund the ideological or ideological speech of objectionable student organizations. The University of Wisconsin-Madison petitioned for a reversal of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision which upheld the district court favoring three students who want to stop their student fees from going to campus groups whose views differ from their own.

Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science at Southern, said the

case raises different arguments.

"One could say speech is not limited, they're just not funding it, or it's going to restrict speech," he said. "The problem with the money is it makes it easier to express speech."

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, expressed surprise that the issue has progressed to this stage.

"I didn't think it was important enough, I didn't think it would get this far," he said.

**Crossroads:** The Magazine, the Campus Activities Board, and the Student Senate all receive funds from student activity fees. Carnahan thinks Southern's distribution of fees differs from other institutions because student-elected bodies make the decisions.

"There is talk about if this passes

where students can pick what organizations they want to give money to, it would be impossible to administer," he said.

Dr. J.R. Moorman, head of the department of communications, thinks

**Crossroads:** The Magazine reflects the current campus community in terms of the international travel and interests of the students. He views the magazine as an educational endeavor which does not limit student involvement. Moorman said even if fees were cut, the magazine would survive.

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Dean of Students

"Crossroads is one of those publications which serves a function on campus and off campus and it is something that we will continue to try and do as best we can," he said.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student

activities, said the decision may not alter campus operations. She likened the activity fees to paying taxes.

"There's some things [taxes] fund that I am wholeheartedly in support of, so I feel like if I want to have the things I support funded, then I have to pay the piper, I've got to have a few things that I don't like funded as well," Carlisle said.

Patti Richardson, Student Senate president and CAB vice president, doesn't anticipate the court's ruling affecting Southern one way or the other. She said all students are members of CAB and can vote for speakers and events and "the majority rules."

"I don't think students should be allowed to decide if they should have to pay a fee or not," she said.

Yates said the 1995 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Rosenberger v. University of Virginia* addressed the issue of funding campus organizations.

"Basically, you either have to fund all

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### Journey to the Supreme Court

April 2, 1996 - Three law students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison sued in federal court challenging the constitutionality of the university's mandatory student fees system.

November 29, 1996 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in *Southworth v. Grebe* granted summary judgment in favor of the three law students.

August 10, 1998 - A three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in *Southworth v. Grebe* upheld the district court decision in favor of the three students.

October 27, 1998 - The full 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied a petition for rehearing.

March 29, 1999 - The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review the 7th Circuit's decision.

November 9, 1999 - U.S. Supreme Court hears oral argument for the case.

### PICK IT UP & MOVE IT OUT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Workers continue excavating for the expansion of Spiva Library. Joplin Construction and Design Management, Inc. is heading work on the \$5,603,338 project. Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, estimates construction will be completed in January of 2001.

## State officials introduce educational savings plan

MOST program offers \$8,000 tax benefit, flexible choices

BY JEFF BILLINGTON  
Editor-in-Chief

Amidst the activities of a classroom of preschool children, State Treasurer Bob Holden introduced a new program for college savings in the Taylor Education and Psychology building on Monday.

Holden said MOST, or Missouri Saving for Tuition, allows a tax advantage to those using it. Participants can receive an annual state income tax deduction of up to \$8,000 for contributions to the accounts, making MOST one of the best education savings programs of its type in the country.

"Missouri's is top of the list across the states," Holden said. "I don't know of any state that allows an \$8,000 tax deduction up front. [Participants in the program] can also put up to \$100,000 in the account in the life of the program," he said. "It can even be shifted to another child."



BOB HOLDEN

MOST was developed by Holden and is managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc. Dr. Julio Leon, College president; Dr. Kala Stroup, Missouri commissioner of higher education and MOST board member; State Senator Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca); and Mike Noone, program manager at TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc., also attended the presentation.

MOST accounts can be started with \$25. Participants can add as little as \$25 at a time or \$15 by payroll deduction. MOST will have no income limitations, and will offer a choice of investment options. Stroup said this should encourage parents to save for their children's education.

"Many families do not start early enough," she said. "We hope that these families will plan and save for [their children's] future."

Singleton said when a program is developed for this purpose, it is a positive project.

"Anything that can educate is a worthwhile investment," he said. "It's what we need to do. We have a program that will allow families to deal with the cost of education."

Holden said he hopes this will broaden the scope when it comes time for students to choose a school.

"They can take this to any institution in the country," he said. "My desire is that money is not the determining factor to where the child goes for postsecondary education." □

## Interlibrary loan system brings various benefits

BY JEFF WELLS  
Executive Editor

Construction and renovation of Spiva Library is not limited to the building.

MOBIUS, a new interlibrary loan system, will grant Missouri Southern students access to two million volumes in addition to the 250,000 books and periodicals housed in Spiva Library.

Computers networked to MOBIUS will replace the current card catalog terminals. MOBIUS may not open the world to researchers, but most volumes in the state Missouri will be on the system.

Charles Kemp, head librarian, said MOBIUS will be primarily for books and periodicals in print form. He said the par-

ticipating libraries have widely varying policies on other media.

Kemp said MOBIUS is a consortium of all academic libraries in the state

"It is unique because it covers all the bases," he said.

Kemp said Southern will be completely online by the fall 2000 semester.

"In January to June we are scheduled to be initiated," he said.

The entire MOBIUS system should be in place by the summer of 2001.

University of Missouri system, Saint Louis University, and Washington University are already online with MOBIUS.

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## A gift of knowledge

Former Joplin couple donates 3,000 books

BY JEFF BILLINGTON  
Editor-in-Chief

The belief that knowledge lies in books has long been followed by the educated in this world all the way back to the Library of Alexandria 2,000 years ago.

The struggle to preserve these pieces of knowledge has belonged to private people and libraries through the generations.

In an act to do just this, Philip and Betty Jones, longtime Joplin residents, donated their private collection of 3,000 books to Missouri Southern's George A. Spiva Library.

Charles Kemp, head librarian, said Dr. Virginia Laas, associate professor of history, is partially responsible for this happening.

"She knows the Joneses personally and they were just talking back and forth and they thought they

wanted to do something with them (the books)," he said. "She got us together with them and so we talked and I went out and looked at the books."

"I was quite impressed with the books," he said, "and I said yes we would love very much to have them."

Laas has known the Joneses for years and knew the collection would be a fine one.

"I didn't know exactly what he had, but I knew him so I knew it would be good," she said.

"He was incredibly well-read in all kinds of fields; history, art, literature. I was sure his library was going to be wonderful."

Philip Jones, a native of England, came to Joplin in 1941. In 1985 he collaborated with Gail Renner, emeritus professor of history, to

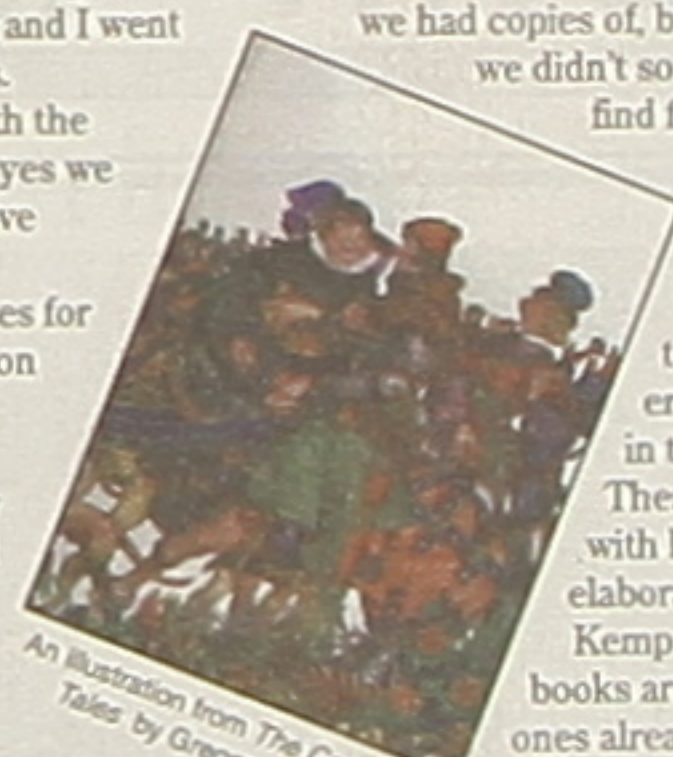
write *Mining Town to Urban Center*. Kemp said there are many nice books in the collection.

"There's some really nice early histories of Missouri," he said. "A couple of them we had copies of, but some of them we didn't so they're really a find from that standpoint."

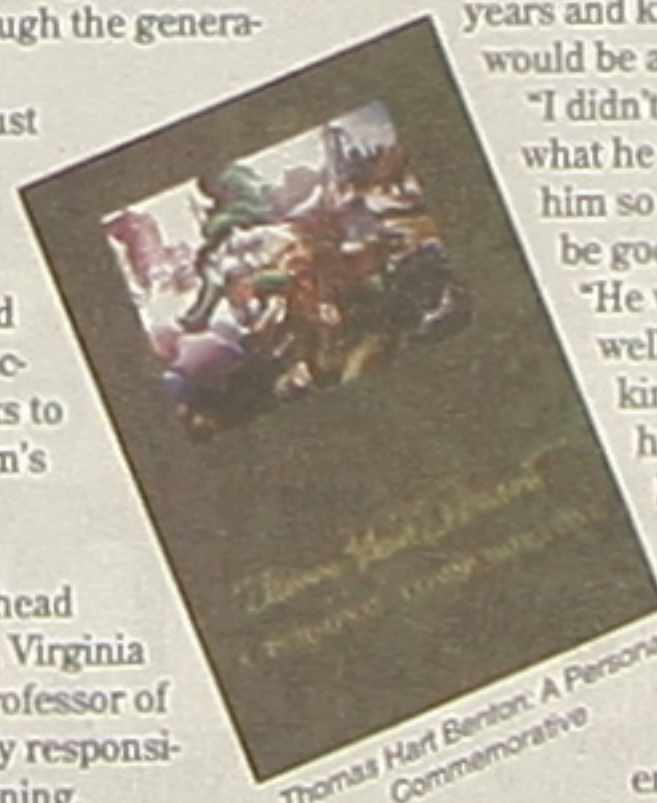
Kemp said since the Joneses were book collectors, there are several special editions in the collection.

These include books with larger print and elaborate illustrations. Kemp said some of these books are duplicates to ones already owned by the College.

"But, they have nicer editions than we bought at the time," he said. "And ours have had some use, so in cases where that was the situation, we just withdrew our copy and installed this much nicer and much better condition volume that they had. So really it was a good find for the whole collection."



An illustration from *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer



Thomas Hart Benton: A Personal Commemorative

### THIS WEEK

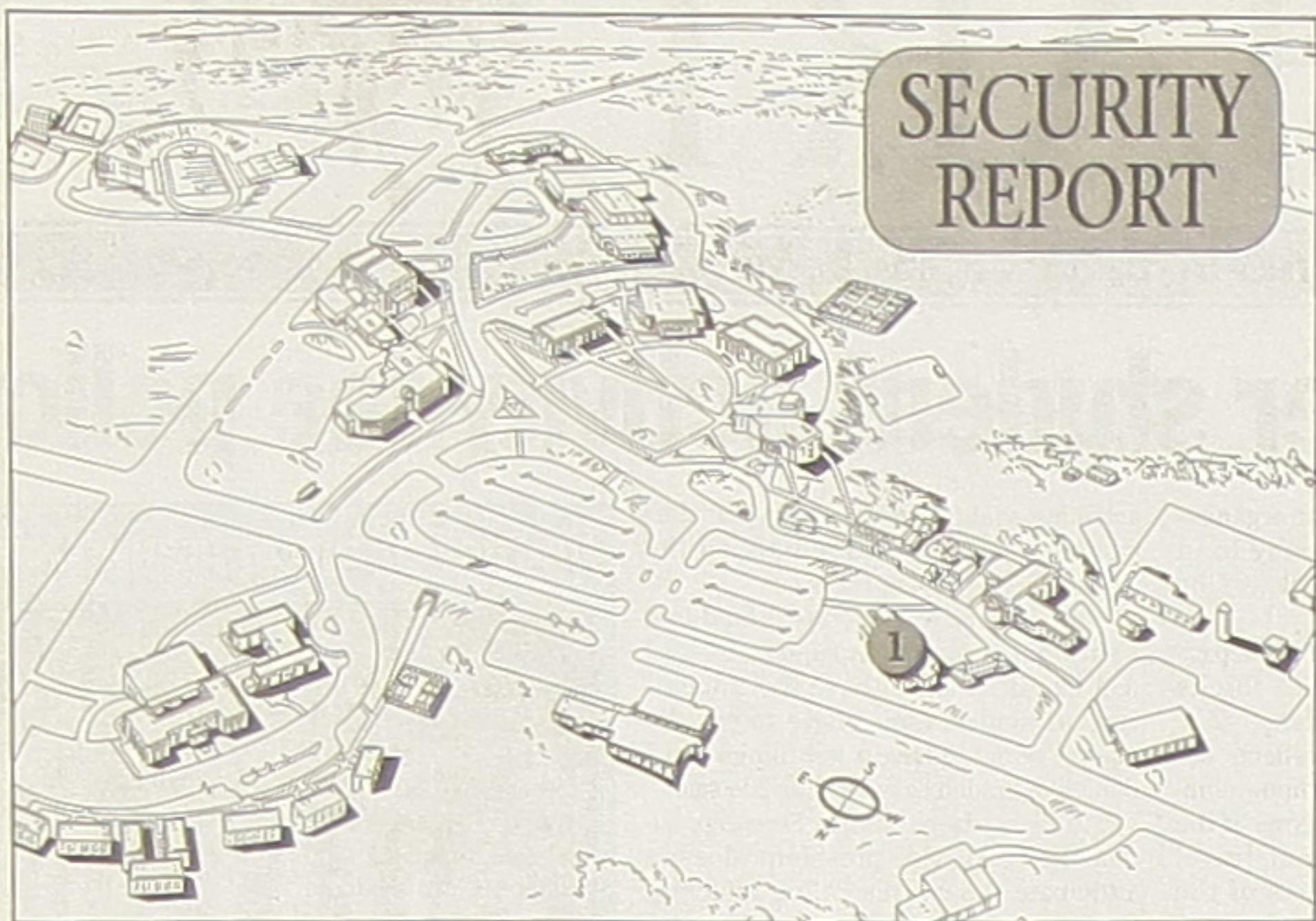
**SWEET, SWEET JAZZ:** The Southern Jazz Orchestra played its tribute to Swing last Tuesday in what is considered one of its top performances of the year. Coverage of the event Diversions..... Page 6



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1 11/04/99 Kuhn Hall 9:07 p.m.

Victor Alejandro, custodian in Kuhn Hall, reported finding a package of Marlboro Ultra Light cigarettes containing two individually wrapped packages of crystal methamphetamine in the street about seven feet from the north curb. The Joplin Police Department was notified and an officer was sent to investigate.

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## International minor announcements

## Students can now get more global degrees

By EILEEN COR  
Staff Writer

A background in business is one thing, but having knowledge of international business is icing on the cake.

Students in any major can be more marketable in the job market because they now have an opportunity to minor in international business.

"You can walk away saying you've got a business education," said Dr. William Bradberry, associate professor of the school of business. "And at the same time you've got an international business education."

Bradberry said all majors can benefit with the addition of an international business minor, because most graduates are going to work for a business organization.

"The world is getting international," he said. "There is no question

about that. Therefore, to have some knowledge of the international business environment is good for anybody — in a sense of 'good for you' — even if you're a communications major, a political science major, or what have you.

"What we're talking about is learning about the international economic environment, but at the same time, it also helps to have a business background for employment," he said, "because the combination of economics and business background courses and communications is much more powerful than any one of them by themselves."

Bradberry believes many people don't realize the significance of international business.

"If you really want to be factual, domestic business is a subset of international business," he said. "I mean United States business is only a small part of the world. We go around treating United States business like that's all there is."

Graduates can fulfill more than one need.

"In any area of business, whether

it's management, finance — this is a natural thing," Bradberry said.

"The world is getting international and if you've got just a domestic marketing or finance or domestic management — you're missing three sides of the world."

Many students have taken some of the courses for a variety of minors. Communications majors, education majors, any other major can be complemented with the international minor.

It is valuable to students not have the time or money to take a minor.

"People can many times these [minors] on and be more marketable," said

Marion, professor of business. "Like in human resources, only need a course or two."

people say that's not too academically legitimate, if they're both at the same time. But

body from across campus that — why can't our own get it?" □

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## Grant money to develop South Asia website

BY CASSIE HOMBS  
Staff Writer

When Dr. Karl Schmidt was a graduate student at Florida State University, he took a history class that sparked his interest in Asian studies.

Years later, his experience in that field led him to become a gold-medal grant writer for Missouri Southern.

Schmidt, associate professor of history and assistant director of the honor's program, recently finished a project he has been working on since March. With his creation of "Project South Asia: A Pilot Program for Improving the Study and Teaching of India and Pakistan," he has received a \$70,000 grant from the National Security Education Program to create a web site on the Internet about Southeast Asia.

"They were challenging people to come up with an idea to better prepare graduates," Schmidt said. "I guess I just had an idea they liked."

Considering the size of the grant, that may be an understatement. Schmidt sent a proposal detailing a project that will send several faculty members to Southeast Asian countries to collect research on all areas of Asian life. The team will create a web site that will contain this information for thousands of professors and students across the nation. It's the accessibility, he said, that makes this project so exciting.

"Any professor can use it, and any student can use it," he said. "There

are a great number of people that will benefit."

Schmidt's proposal was one of 28 chosen. In competing with more than 130 applicants, Southern has recognized the grant as an honorable distinction.

"It's a prestigious award, and very difficult to get," Schmidt said. "I just want people to realize this can be a useful one-stop shopping resource."

The grant money will be used primarily to cover traveling expenses for the trip. Schmidt plans to take to Asia over the next two years. Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said not only will the site be a useful resource center, but it will give Southern national recognition.

"We are quite pleased to receive it," he said. "The agency realized he (Schmidt) had the background to devise the necessary expertise we needed."

"It is a validation of our international mission as well. Because of those reasons, they knew we would be a good place to place those dollars."

The project will be a work in progress over the next few years. Based on available information, the site is expected to be ready for use within two years.

Until then, Schmidt is anticipating the first round of gathering information, which kicks off in January.

"The project will help improve the teaching of existing courses," he said. "More needs to be done to infuse the study of south Asia." □

## Senators voice concerns with administration

BY KELLY DENGEL  
Managing Editor

Representing the student voice on campus is the Student Senate's job, and that's exactly what senators did Wednesday night with Missouri Southern administrators.

During the Senate's annual meeting with the administration, Dr. Julio León, College president; Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president; and Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, answered questions presented by the senators regarding topics of importance to students.

Tuition increases are always a major concern to students, and León shed some light on how tuition is figured in Missouri. He said he couldn't project an increase, because the College's budget is dependent on the Missouri governor and the Missouri General Assembly, which will meet in January.

He did say Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education has made its recommendation to the governor, with a 9 1/2 percent increase for the College's annual budget.

"We never get what is recommended; it depends on what is received from the state," León said. College administrators are waiting until the issue is addressed during the state legislature assembly.

A heated issue that was actively debated last year was the proposal of making Southern a university. León said the debate lies with political figures and has nothing to do with the quality of education, size, or the people who attend the College.

"We've definitely not given up; we will become a university someday," León said.

Foreign language may be a requirement for all students who

plan to graduate from Southern in the future. As a college that hangs its hat on an international mission, Bitterbaum said it would only be logical for students to know a foreign language.

"Wouldn't it be nice to have the graduates, as they walk (across the stage) say goodbye in French or German instead of English," Bitterbaum said.

With foreign language majors increasing in enrollment numbers, that also affects the Institute of International Studies. Because the Institute is a young organization, senators said they lacked information about how funds are distributed to students who apply for grants.

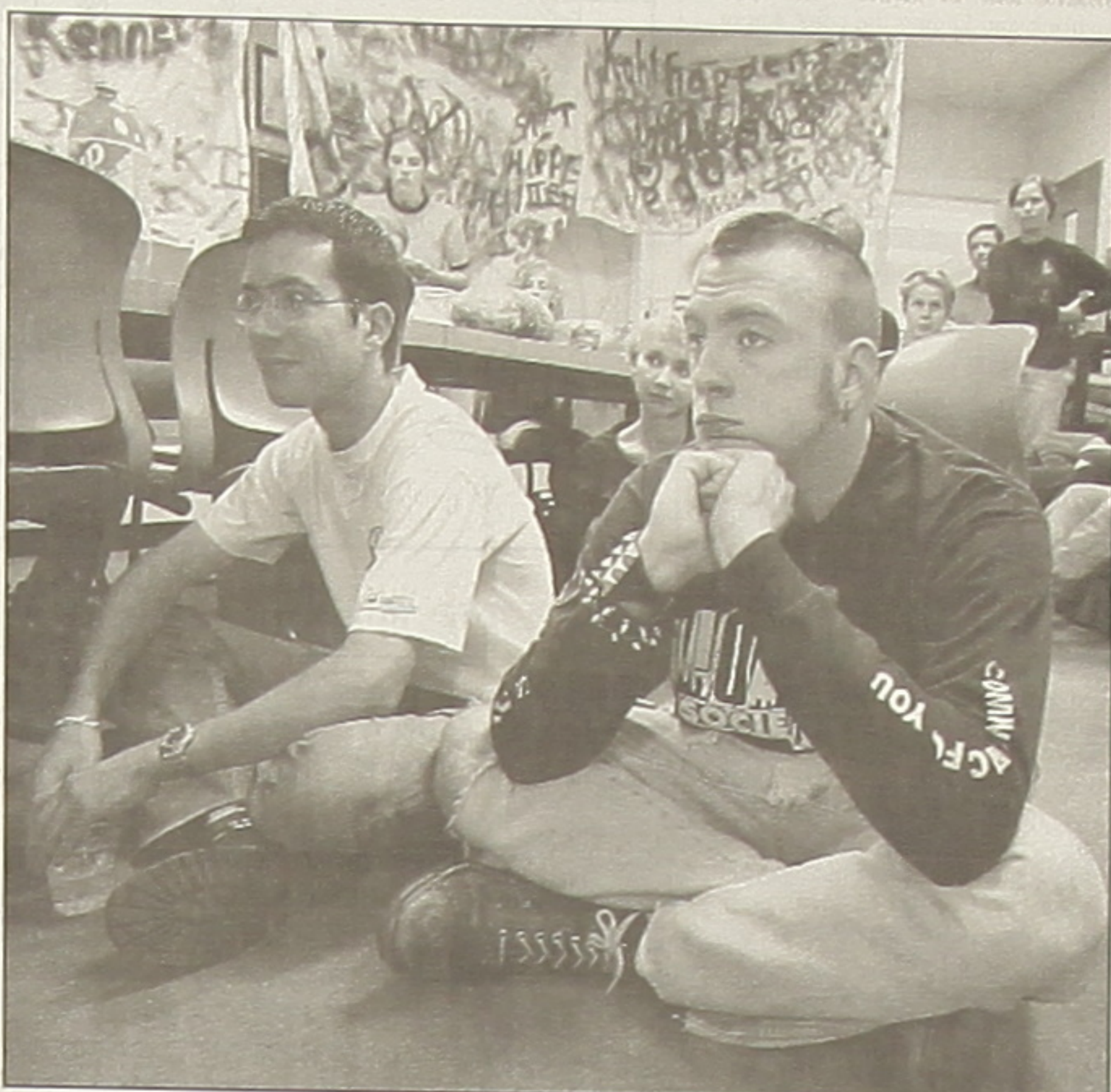
Senators strongly suggested to the administration that the computer lab hours should be extended to accommodate students who work late.

With the renovation and addition to the Spiva Library, Tiede said a computer lab with extended hours will probably be added. With that addition may come more computer problems, which León addressed by saying, "When using all the computers at once, like flushing toilets at the same time, the system can't handle it."

During the regular Senate meeting, Hunter Tombs was voted into the open senior senator seat. Stephen Bishop, head of the finance committee, reported that the Senate's budget sits at \$9,042.22.

Three organizations were given their first readings on budget requests. Omicron Delta Kappa requested \$1,000 to travel to the national convention in St. Louis on Feb. 17-20. The Collegiate Music Educators requested \$1,000 to attend the national conference in Osage Beach on Jan. 28-30. The International Club requested \$1,000 to fund spring activities. □

## DOWN IT CAME



Francois Romac and Dan Johnston sit in the Communication & Department Conference room to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

## Southern observes anniversary of fall of Germany's Berlin Wall

BY ERIC GRUBER  
Associate Editor

To some, the fall of the Berlin Wall may seem like it was yesterday, but to the German people, it's a day for celebration and unity.

Tuesday, members and non-members of the German club, faculty, and guests congregated in the Communications Department conference room to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of communications, guided the group on a visual tour by translating a documentary video chronicling the historical event. A West German native, she commented on the ever-reflective question, "Where were you when...?"

"I was actually in Austin, Texas, and I celebrated the event with an East German writer and his wife," Cramer said. "It was almost a symbolic getting together of East and West Germany. We drank a lot of champagne that night, too."

As she and her friends watched the changing of the times, the night became an annual celebration for the German people.

The program Tuesday also featured German cuisine and other delicacies to coincide with the festivities. In Germany, Cramer said several cities celebrate with concerts, activities, and speeches.

Growing up in West Germany gave her a close connection to the Wall, but the not-so-distant sister country was a far-distant world.

"Well, for me not having relatives in the East, it was actually not a big difference," she said. "I was three when the wall was built, and it was more like

East Germany was a different world."

Isaiah Smith, sophomore computer science major, attended the commemoration and also recalled his experience of the crumbling.

"I remember watching it in middle school," Smith said. "It's a reunification of a country that was divided by war. It marks Germany getting past the World War II era."

While there is no specified date for the anniversary, Smith said one reason November 9 is chosen is due to it being the anniversary of WWII, beginning with Kristallnacht, translated as "Crystal Night."

Kristallnacht was the genesis of the Holocaust. It is also the date that the social democrats of the Weimar Republic came into power in Germany, and due to its weakness, the Nazis overthrew them 15 years later.

Cramer said that with the Wall gone, some conflict has arisen within the people, but it is a progression for a much better good.

"The effects of the fall of the Wall is that the economic situation of the West is to help out the Eastern society on economy and questions they had," she said. "Buildings had to be repaired, streets had to be fixed, there was no real comparison between East and West life."

"That still causes a lot of resentment with West German people between the East."

And amidst all of the celebration and education, the program turned out to be a real smash.

"We started out with food and no champagne, and I showed a documentary film," Cramer said. "It was a very well attended event. I was surprised." □

## Southern offers core classes on Internet

BY GARY SHELBY  
Staff Writer

Someday, students will have to go no further than their computers or televisions to earn a degree from Missouri Southern. Internet and Web-enhanced courses are already being offered at the College.

"I love it," said Bari Togetzky of Aurora, Mo. "It's made it easier, because I drive a distance. I take TV classes and it helps me to not be on campus so much."

More than a year ago, College President Julio León saw the need for such classes. He presented Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, with the opportunity to supervise the courses.

"The Internet and Web classes are for those who are time- and place-bound," Spurlin said. "What distance learning allows is for us to

say 'We'll come to you, on your time, at your convenience.'"

He said the classes are not limited to commuters, but are open to all. Spurlin believes on-campus students will also benefit.

Although the concept is as old as the Internet itself, courses at Southern have finally begun to expand.

"Just a little over a year ago we had one Internet class, and last semester we had four," he said. "This upcoming semester we have nine classes."

Spurlin said core classes are offered such as biology, speech, and economics.

The English and psychology departments are in the process of developing courses.

He said there will possibly be a total of 15 classes next fall. There are more than 100 students

currently enrolled.

"What I need is the help of the faculty," he said. "It's going to be the faculty that makes the program strong. Missouri Southern has a faculty that always responds quickly to these things."

Spurlin says there is a training process in an attempt to gain interest, and there is even an incentive program to pay teachers extra — on the Internet.

He said there are those that fear the classes will be filled by traditional students, cannibalizing the student body to make up the Internet and television classes.

"So what?" he retorts. "Shouldn't we serve our traditional just as we serve our non-traditional students?"

His goal is to not only offer classes online, but to offer classes essential for associate and bachelor's degrees. □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### College catalog names Southern 'Hidden Treasure'

In the latest edition of *Kaplan's Newsweek College Catalog 2000*, a national survey of approximately 4,500 high school guidance counselors, cited Missouri Southern as "Hidden Treasure."

"Hidden Treasures" are described as "terrific colleges that aren't as well known as they should be."

"The best schools aren't necessarily the most renowned ones," the editors of the national publication stated. Only three other institutions in the state of Missouri made the "Hidden Treasures" list — College of the Ozarks, University of Missouri-St. Louis and William Jewell College. No institutions from Arkansas, Kansas, or Oklahoma were listed.

The public and private guidance counselors also cited Southern as an institution "offering the maximum amount of individual academic attention."

"These colleges are recommended for students who are more likely to succeed in an environment offering the maximum amount of individual academic attentions," said the editors. □

### Foundation takes teacher award applications

Applications are out for the Outstanding Teacher Awards presented by the Missouri Southern Foundation.

Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the award is one of the College's most successful programs and gives strong support to the recognition of academic excellence on campus.

The Foundation provides the \$1,000 award to two persons designated as outstanding instructors. While the Foundation provides the funds, the College is responsible for selecting the recipients.

To be eligible, faculty must be full time, be teaching at least six credit hours a semester, and must be in at least the third year of teaching at Southern. Nominations may be made by faculty, alumni, and students. Forms for nominations are available around campus.

Forms should be completed and turned in to Office Services by Friday, Dec. 17. □

### Missouri Nurses Association honors Jacobs with award

Marilyn Jacobs, retired nursing faculty member and practitioner in the Missouri Southern Health Center, was awarded the 1999 Achievement in Nursing Practice Award. This is a prestigious award from the Missouri Nurses Association Council on Nursing Practice.

Jacobs was nominated by the Fifth District Nurses Association. The award recognizes a nurse for the outstanding contribution in direct clinical practice, excellence in education experience and contributions to empowerment and leadership in the profession. □

### Cochran tells of psychology research at convention

Dr. Keith Cochran, assistant professor of psychology, presented original research at the annual meeting of the Mid-Western Educational Research Association in Chicago, Oct. 13-16.

Two works were presented: "Preservice Teachers' Attitudes Toward Inclusive Education: The Effect of Teachers' Attitudes Toward Inclusion, and 'The Self-Concept of Student with Special Needs Included in General Education Classrooms.'"

The second study was co-authored by Stan Wigle, Indiana State University; Don DeMoulin, University of Tennessee; and Connie Bowman, University of Dayton. □

### Athletic center ready to begin tours tomorrow

A "Meet the Lions" night for faculty, staff and the general public, including tours of the new Legge & Platt Athletic Center, is slated for 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

Tours will be given from 4-5:30 p.m. Don't miss the chance to see the Lions and Lady Lions, and get an up-close look of the new sport facility. □

### Associate professor attend Hitchcock celebration

Bill Kumbier, associate professor of English, attended the "Hitchcock: Centennial Celebration," sponsored by the Tisch School of Cinema Studies, New York University, Oct. 13-17. □

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# Embrace, conquer life's challenges

Anyone who knows me says I have three too many jobs. They may say I have my head in the clouds, or where you going this weekend, Matt. To tell you the truth I love it, every bit.

Lately I have been trying to take advantage of all the many opportunities presented to me in my life. I have done things and am doing things people would love to do or take advantage of. I have been creating memories that nobody else has created, seeing things no one else has. I can tell stories of what I've done, where I've been, and what I want to do. I'm falling in love with my life and falling in love with my choices.

A while back I felt very depressed, like my life wasn't going anywhere, no direction to go. I'm graduating in the spring and have no clue what I'm going to do, but I do know what I want to do: see the world, hear it, feel it, smell it, and taste it.

All the Parrot Heads will understand this, changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes.

Right now, I want to travel, experience the country, learn from what I see and do. Just this past Labor Day, I accomplished one of the most grueling, hardest, and exhausting events I have ever attempted, and loved it. I climbed two of Colorado's Fourteeners, Mount Uncompahgre (14,309 ft) and Mount Wetterhorn (14,050 ft). (The Fourteeners are a group of mountains more than 14,000 feet above sea level.) The four-mile hike up the first mountain was exhausting. Thin air, brisk wind, and the fact that I was totally out of shape made the trek seem like a never-ending uphill battle, but it was worth all the effort as soon as I reached the summit. It was one of the most unobstructed breathtaking views I have ever seen. Then

the four-mile walk down was just as incredible. Seeing the mountain shrink and finding the point where I stood made all the blisters, cramps, and other pains go away. I just closed my eyes and thanked God for the opportunity to experience all the factors, good and bad,

that the expedition had to offer. After a night under the most undescrivable star-filled sky I have ever seen in my life, I did it all over again on a different mountain and had the same breathtaking experience.

To me, that trip was a lot more than just climbing a mountain in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. It was turning point in my life, a booster shot if you will. By God, I climbed two mountains, I can do anything now. Going into the trip, I lacked self confidence. Accomplishing my goal sparked the confidence streak that was fading away. I'm glad I chose to take advantage of that opportunity.

Last week I recieved some bad news. A friend I graduated with drowned helping somebody live, and my grandfather also passed away from a long illness. Both of these events happened one after the other. The real eye opener to both of these tragic events made me realize even more how short and precious life really is. I told myself I have to make the most out of my life and take advantage of the opportunities life has in store for me.

If I had a choice, I would want to start my entire life over, imagine the things I would do different or the same. But I can't live in the past, or for tomorrow, but now.

People can't go through life saying "coulda, woulda, shoulda." Instead, say "I did, and loved it, and I'm thankful I got the chance." It's your life. Make the best of it. □

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

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# Pay up & then speak up

Scott Southworth, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, felt his free speech was abridged because he was compelled to support 18 organizations he found objectionable. His student fees went to campus organizations like the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center; Campus Women's Center; the International Socialist Organization; and Amnesty International. If the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the lower court's ruling in *The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin v. Southworth*, activity fees would more than likely be eliminated from the budgets of institutes of higher learning.

Colleges and universities should be arenas for education and provide exposure to a variety of ideas and viewpoints. If we receive watered-down versions of life, how can we make informed decisions? Our student activity fees at Missouri Southern seek to enrich students' education.

The Campus Activities Board brings in speakers and entertainment — some good, some controversial, and some duds. The Student Senate allocates funds to campus organizations to represent the College at conventions or conferences. *Crossroads: The Magazine* provides an avenue to express creativity and showcase students. Each member of the student body has the opportunity to

partake in any or all of these three entities and have a voice in how student funds are distributed.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said campus activities provide leadership development and help retain students by making them feel a part of the College. Doug Camahan, dean of students, said a ruling against the University of Wisconsin would hurt colleges and be "disastrous" in how student activities and organizations conduct business.

The First Amendment guarantees, among other things, the right to free speech. Another perk of living in our country is having the freedom to make choices. Students of higher learning are not forced to attend colleges or universities. Student activity fees are mentioned up front, and applicants pay these fees with their tuition.

The Wisconsin case threatens to limit higher learning centers from providing public forums for freedom of expression by all individuals. If the U.S. Supreme Court rules against the university, the free-flow of ideas on campuses across the nation and at Missouri Southern will be severely handicapped.

And in this battle, the students who choose to further their education stand to suffer the greatest loss. □

# Advancements also aid sticky-fingered fiends

While personal computers and Internet access give us opportunities to expand our horizons, they also give crooks a way to expand their pocketbooks.

Members of the academic community, like the general public, are becoming more and more exposed to opportunities to get scammed. Some of these "opportunities" make false promises to provide extra money and free merchandise including computers.

Scam artists and "techno crooks" are becoming more common than ever before.

Think about the old saying "if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is too good to be true."

Internet Fraud Statistics for 1998 as

reported on Feb. 23 indicate that Internet fraud is on the rise. According to Internet Fraud Watch, operated by the National Consumers League, complaints have increased 600 percent since 1997.

Online auction complaints were the number one fraud complaint in 1998. Auctions were number one on the list in 1997 with 26 percent of the total frauds reported, but increased to an alarming 68 percent in 1998.

Phillip C. McKee, an Internet fraud watch coordinator, reports that from January to June of 1999, auctions were again where the most fraud was reported with 5,400 cases or around 80 percent of the total for the period. This was followed by general merchandise

fraud with 500 cases reported.

Other areas of fraud include those mentioned below with each type having only from 75 to 100 cases reported. Auctions were by far number one on the list of reported frauds.

"More people are online, and more people are getting scammed," said Susan Grant, director of the Internet Fraud Watch. "Consumers need to remember that con artists are everywhere — even in cyberspace."

The majority of fraudulent payments, at 93 percent of the total, were made "offline" by check or money order sent to the company.

"Requesting cash is a clear sign of fraud," says Grant. "Pay the safest way. If possible, pay by credit card because you can dispute the charges if there is a problem."

Other than the Internet Fraud Watch, another source of information is the Federal Trade Commission whose website is loaded with lots of good

advice. They even have a "dirty dozen" list of the scams most likely to arrive via e-mail. One of these you should watch out for offers to sell you lists of e-mail addresses which may cause you to violate your Internet provider's rules.

Others include work-at-home schemes, chain letters, effortless income, and all kinds of health and diet scams.

Some of the offers you may receive as "Spam" mail include credit repair, vacation prize deals, and guaranteed loans or credit.

Many of these offers could be false and cause you the loss of both money and time not to mention ruining your disposition.

Good rules include never "pay money" to "get money," and never rely on "guarantees or warranties" on the Internet.

Let me close with another old saying and that is "a word to the wise should be sufficient." □



## IN PERSPECTIVE

DR. WILLIAM  
BRADBERRY  
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# Forget Y2K, banks have other technology problems

Banks are so infuriating. Patience only goes so far.

When moving across the country, a person would want to use a bank that could be accessed from one's old home and from one's new home.

When college students, like myself, move from Idaho to Missouri, finances are always a subject of great importance.

Upon arriving in Joplin, I promptly went to the Joplin branch of my Idaho-based bank to transfer money from my savings account to my checking account. Everything should have gone well, but it took 20 minutes to make a simple transaction! One would think in an information age such as this, with global transactions taking

place every second, one from Idaho to Missouri wouldn't be too hard. Even in China, where tellers still use abacuses and all receipts are handwritten, I was able to access money from an account in the United States.

Anyway, the bank teller told me the money had been transferred and I went on my way only slightly irritated. It wasn't until I got the five insufficient notices, totaling more than \$120, that I became extremely concerned about my financial institution and situation.

Although the banks shared the same name, little did I know they didn't share the same computer programs. Therefore, the money was never transferred, and I couldn't go to the Joplin

branch to work things out because they couldn't access my account. Instead, I was further punished by having to call the 800 number and push buttons until some forlorn operator listened to my sob story.

As it turned out, after about an hour on the phone being transferred to three different people, I got my money transferred and the charges reversed.

Another problem occurred just this week, and I've yet to fully resolve it. Banking face-to-face, instead of over the phone, would be such a blessing.

I went to a local Missouri bank and asked about a checking account. The woman who helped me said there was a \$500 minimum balance on a checking account and a \$6 fee would be incurred if the balance dropped below that amount.

Does the average college student have at least \$500 in his or her checking account at all times?

I felt that was outrageous, but maybe

I've been spoiled by a previous Idaho bank where there were no hidden charges, and nice bank tellers. They even took money from my savings account if the checking balance was low to avoid bouncing a check. That's a good bank.

I guess a better route would have been to open a new account in Missouri when I arrived and forget about the one back home. I'll remember this during my next big move.

Needless to say, I'm looking for a new bank and plan to close my account at this national bank as soon as it's financially possible.

If you would like to assist me in this find, please stop me around campus, or e-mail me at kddmstore@yahoo.com, and tell me your preferred bank.

I just want the security in knowing transactions are made successfully and that I can visit with a human being about my account instead of an automated answering machine. □



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

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# Hurricane breaks in new staff



SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart

Heather Heath recently joined the Missouri Southern staff as an assistant teacher certification officer.

BY AMBER FOSTER  
Chart Reporter

What happens when a hurricane delays a flight by two days?

"We had nothing better to do, so we saw a movie and went shopping," said Heather Heath, assistant teacher certification officer.

Heath and some of her new colleagues from Missouri Southern were attending an NCATE meeting in Washington, D.C., when Hurricane Floyd hit.

"We did not even bother going to the airport because we knew our flight would be canceled," she said.

Though the events of the week had been a bit hectic, that is not an indication of a normal week in Heath's life.

"I have a pretty boring life," she said. "I go to work, process paperwork for Southern students, record minutes for education committee meetings, advise transfer students, and go home."

*"When I was younger, my mother stayed home and raised us kids, but when the time came for her to go to work, she made the transition very nicely. I just hope I can do the same"*

HEATHER HEATH  
Assistant Teacher  
Certification Officer

In July, she had been a special education teacher and a teacher's aide.

While growing up, Heath's mother was her biggest role model.

"When I was younger, my mother stayed home and raised us kids, but when the time came for her to go to work, she made the transition very nicely," Heath said. "I just hope I can do the same"

Although she and her husband have no children now, they do have a dog that is somewhat like a child to them. Her office is adorned with pictures of this dog.

Heath decided to accept the job at Southern because, "It is a very nice campus, and it reminds me of Emporia State, where I went to school." □

# from Newspapers to Novels



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Dr. Patricia Murphy joined the ranks of Missouri Southern's English faculty this past fall. She is a former journalist for the American Medical Publication in Chicago. Murphy's interests include camping, birdwatching, and writing. Her passion is Victorian period literature.

## Professor gives up journalism for love of literature

BY ERICA BELITZ  
Chart Reporter

What do the University of Iowa, Missouri Southern, journalism, Victorian literature, and being a maid have in common? All of these items mesh together to become Dr. Patricia Murphy's life.

Murphy, assistant professor of English, spent six years at the University of Iowa as a graduate instructor and visiting professor before coming to Southern.

"I was very impressed with the faculty in the English department," she said. "When I came for a campus visit, I was really struck by the professionalism of the department and the interest in the teaching, the strong interest in teaching, by the other professors and the general friendliness and warm atmosphere that I felt when I came here to visit."

Murphy graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in both English and journalism from Indiana University. She continued her education and received her master of arts degree in English from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Later she received another master of arts degree and was awarded her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

After working as a journalist for an American Medical Association publication in Chicago, Murphy

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DR. PATRICIA MURPHY  
Assistant Professor of English

decided to change her focus to English. It was something she had always loved, and wanted to focus on literature more as a career than as a pleasure.

"I chose being a Victorianist because I'm particularly interested in 19th century novels as well as other forms of literature of the period," Murphy said.

"I find it to be one of the most intellectually stimulating and challenging of all the possibilities that are available."

Murphy believes literature is important for all people to be exposed to.

"Part of it is for the pleasure of reading and part of it is that it makes you think and makes you a stronger intellectual person," she said. "It does make you think and it opens your horizons to a lot of areas that perhaps never would have occurred to you."

Before finishing her education, Murphy held other jobs as many do.

Her most memorable job was being a maid in the local motel in Bloomington, Ind.

"It was most interesting when the carnival was in town," she said.

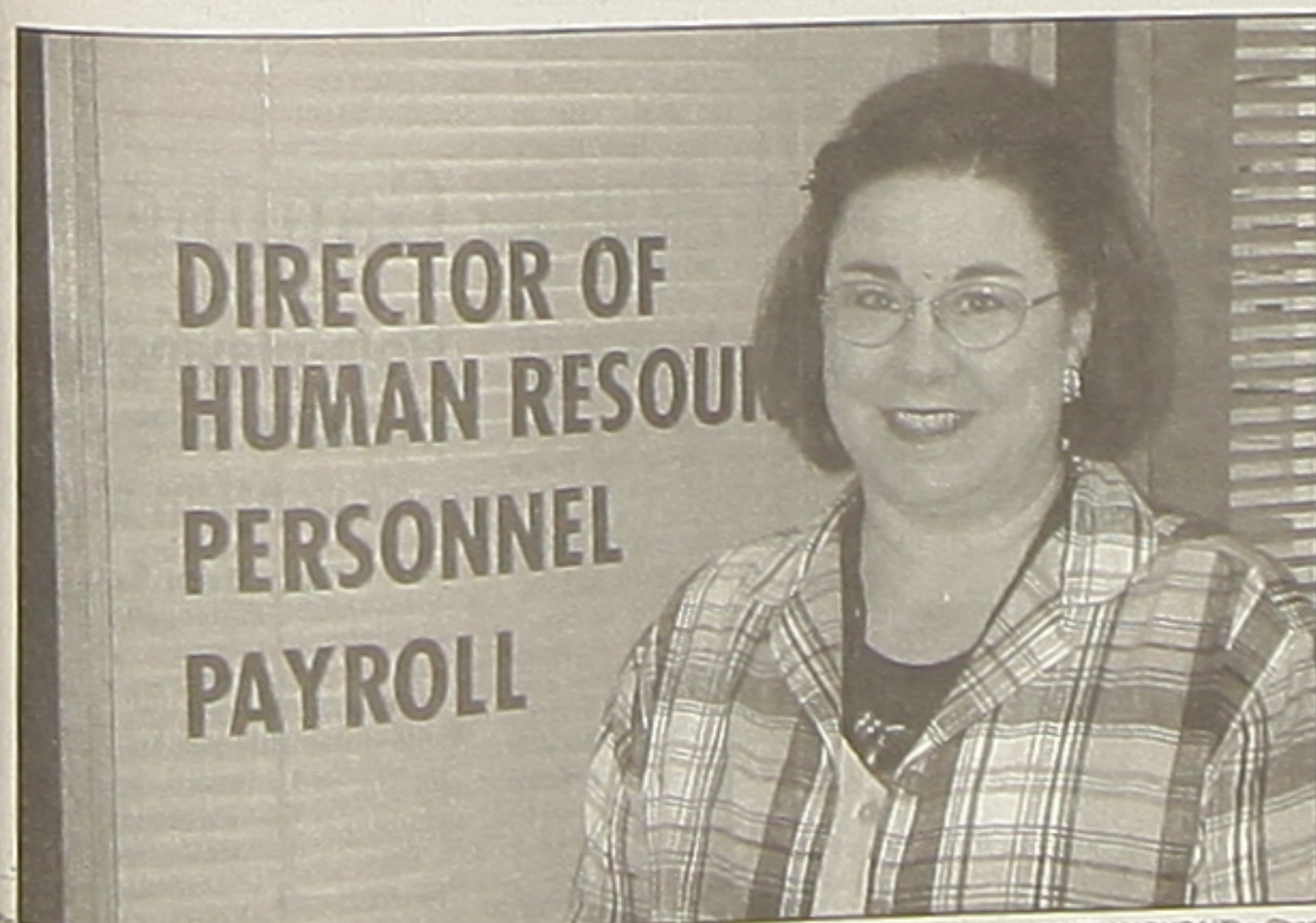
Aside from teaching, Murphy enjoys writing scholarly pieces and articles. She is currently working on two projects.

"Both of these book manuscripts are under review," she said. "One is an anthology and one is other literary criticisms that is all original for me."

Murphy has felt comfortable at Southern since arriving in August.

She looks forward to getting involved in volunteer community service and being able to enjoy her hobbies of hiking, camping, and bird watching. □

## Human resource specialist sings praises of former professors



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Suzanne Rader, human resource specialist for Southern, stands outside her office in Hearn Hall. She is also vice president of the Tri-State Human Resources Department.

### Former military member shows her softer side

BY CAMERON BOHANNON  
Chart Reporter

Judging by her demeanor, one would not suspect Suzanne Rader, human resource specialist, of ever being a sergeant in the National Guard.

"That's something that people don't see me as having had," Rader said of her four-year stint in the military.

She began clerical work in the Joplin branch of the Guard in the 1970s. In order to work as a secretary, Rader had to attend boot camp and train as a soldier.

Rader graduated from Missouri Southern in the late 1960s with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in human resources at Pittsburg State University (PSU).

She became interested in the field of human resources through classes at PSU and accepted her position at Southern in January 1999.

"It's great," Rader said of her job at the College.

"I had been working in a social work-type position and I was just ready to move on to something different."

She worked for five and a half years for the Private Industry Council as a case manager.

"It administers the Job Training Partnership Act — JPTA, which provides vocational training for low-income individuals, people who have some sort of barrier to employment, and tries to make them self-sufficient," Rader said.

She is vice president of the Tri-state Human Resources Association, and will take over as president in January. Rader also belongs to an affiliate, the Society of Human Resource Management, a national organization.

"They network with each other and they also exchange ideas on everything

from laws to sexual harassment," she said. "It's a good place to exchange ideas."

Rader's hobbies include traveling and collecting pottery, Joplin memorabilia, and figurines.

Her personal collection of "Redheads," figurines made in the 1950s, depicts "Children in everyday situations," she said.

Rader credits the late Dr. Judy Conboy, professor of sociology, and the late Dr. David Tate, professor of sociology, as her role models.

"They were both very helpful during the time that I was pursuing my sociology degree to help give me direction," she said.

"They just seemed to go above and beyond to help me."

Rader's advice for college students is to "Come prepared to work hard and have a good background in English and writing because that's not only going to help you in your classes, but that's going to help later on in finding a job." □



# Diversions

## Joplin Jazz

### Orchestra swings crowd

By CHRIS ROBERTS  
Diversions Editor

The house was packed, the lights were low, and the night echoed with sweet sounds of jazz.

In walked the director, and the entire roomful of swing-hungry spectators leaned forward in eager anticipation.

With an energizing four-count, the Southern Jazz Orchestra lit into its first piece with a fervor. It was *A Switch In Time*, a classic written by Sammy Nestico, someone all jazz lovers know and appreciate. Right from the get-go it was easy to see that the audience was pumped.

"This is good stuff," said Kyle Fewin, one of the spectators that had congregated in Webster Hall auditorium to hear Missouri Southern's "Salute to Swing."

The first song came to an end with resounding applause and quickly the band switched gears with a Latin piece titled *Summer Samba*.

This particular number featured a unique trio of seniors with saxophonist Wesley Smith, music education major; trombonist Trevor Headrick, music education major; and trumpet player Lance Burnett, also a music education major.

With the rest of the band keeping a toe-tapping rhythm, the threesome tag-teamed through improvised solos and a tongue-tying Latin score.

Again, the tune ended with an echoing applause.

After a brief word from director Phillip Wise, trumpet player Burnett once again stepped up to the mike.

This time the song featured Burnett playing the ever-mellow flugelhorn. After the first two numbers had brought the audience to an exhilarating jazz frenzy, this piece eased them back into their seats perfectly.

With content looks upon their faces, the pleased throng quietly expressed its appreciation of Burnett's craft through a laid-back smatter of applause.

This lulling lullaby was nicely followed by a

well-known number called *Blue Moon*. In this particular melody, the Southern Exposure Vocal Jazz Quartet graced the audience with its vocal talents. A number of the assembly could be heard humming along with them as they sang the tune "the right way," as Wise put it.

The audience was then led into the intermission with *Bye Bye Blackbird* a piece first written by Ray Henderson and made popular by such movies as *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Throughout the intermission, patrons both young and old shared stories of their various jazz experiences. Inside, the old men laughed as they reminisced at the memories invoked by the nostalgic tunes, while outside frantic bathroom hunters sped through line in a rush to make it back before the second half of the show.

Soon the room was packed again and the band started up with its second set. Director Wise worked the group into a frenzy with the first number, called *Duke It Out*.

With a wipe of his brow at the end, Wise proclaimed, "I'm worn out and I didn't even play anything."

After that, the orchestra paid tribute to the Latin America Semester with a ballad from Antonio Carlos Jobim called *Quiet Night Of Quiet Stars*. This tune featured Smith, a tenor, who was dubbed by Wise as "another Stan Gettes."

Smith's solo led smoothly into another jazz classic, *I Remember You*, featuring the enchanting vocals of Melinda Simmons, a member of the Southern Exposure Jazz Quartet.

The band finished off the night with an onslaught of improvised solos portrayed through jazz great Mike Vax's tune called *Frank Granata's Blues*.

In the midst of a standing ovation, the orchestra bowed its way off of the stage and scores of fulfilled jazz-mongers filed out to their cars.

"Like I said before," Fewin said, "this is great stuff." □



Sophomore Joel Griffin wails away on his alto sax with an improvised solo during the Southern Jazz Orchestra's 'Salute to Swing' Tuesday night. Behind him, freshman guitarist David Nash and senior percussionist Damon Graue keep pace.

### Big Band to grace Southern campus

By CHRIS ROBERTS  
Diversions Editor

For those who missed the jazz concert this past Tuesday, don't fret. There is yet another chance to catch some great swing music this Sunday. It comes to the Missouri Southern campus in the form of the Kansas City-based *Trilogy Big Band*.

The band is a full-blown 17-piece orchestra formed in 1989 as an avenue for area composers and arrangers to practice their craft. Though this band usually comes together to practice only once a month, many of its members are involved with several other jazz groups.

"We just like playing all of the time," said Gary Richmond, public relations manager and trumpet player. "Many of us make a living from playing music."

*Trilogy* is no stranger to the Joplin area. Sunday's concert will be the third one in a row that the band will have per-

formed at Southern.

"[Playing at colleges] is something that we absolutely love to do," Richmond said. He said that in the past there has usually been a fairly big turnout.

"I think for the most part it has been older people from the community that just like jazz," Richmond said, "but we'd really like to have more college kids come out."

With this in mind, the group plans its show with tunes that cater to both old and young alike. Richmond said that though the bulk of the music is written by three or four guys, they have been trying to get scores from outside of the band. In addition, the band features some marquee players. One particular is trumpet player Jay Sollenberger, who has played with Woody Herman and Buddy Rich.

The concert is at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 14, in Webster Hall auditorium.

"We not only encourage students to attend," Richmond said, "but to ask questions. We're more than happy to talk about anything. Horns, music, anything." □

### Southern Investments club puts members' money to good use

By RHONDA CLARK  
Associate Editor

Sports fanatics may cheer the Bulls and Bears, but for investors, these names reflect an up or down market.

For the Missouri Southern Econ/Finance Investments Club, taking on the task of investing in the stock market provides a unique opportunity.

"Our intent really is, it would be nice if we made a return, but our objective as advisers in starting was not to get rich or make the students a lot of money, but to give them some hands-on experience of really getting in there and getting their feet wet," said Dr. Richard Rawlins, adviser of the club and associate professor of business administration/finance.

The club provides individuals who don't have the money to get into the stock market an opportunity to analyze, research, and purchase stocks by pooling monies. An investment of \$25 gives club members a vote on what stocks to purchase or sell.

"Our initial idea was to meet and really get into the discussion and be selecting," Rawlins said. "What we found out is that most of our

students have no experience and come there [saying], 'Well, I don't even know where to start,' so we pretty much stick to the fundamentals."

Club handouts list 10 to 12 different sources for research. Rachel Stilwell, junior management major and club secretary, said the club provides "free knowledge." Though she had prior knowledge of the stock market, the club increased her investment savvy outside the classroom.

"I don't think people right now in this age bracket of college students are aware of what their money can do for them and how quickly their money can grow for them if they start

now," Stilwell said.

Oleg Tyurikov, club president and a senior with majors in economics, finance, and German, thinks the stock market provides the best return on investments.

"It makes more sense to invest in stocks and it's almost as safe as other forms of investments," he said.

Rawlins said, historically, the stock market has averaged an 11 to 12 percent return and thinks younger investors should have the majority of their funds in stocks. He views day trading as gambling, and recommends riding out the stock market roller coaster through its peaks and valleys.

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"If you're the kind of person that just wrings your hands and pulls your hair out every time the stock market goes down a little bit, then it's probably not good for you, because it goes up and it goes down," he said. "But in the long-term if you look and say, hey that's life, there's an argument to be made that you should do an automatic plan where every \$500 or \$50 or whatever, I put it in come heck or high water."

With a current portfolio of around \$4,100, the club manages \$2,463 in stocks through E\*TRADE to reduce broker's fees. Rawlins said investors may withdraw or leave their funds at the end of the semester.

The club meets at 12:20 p.m. every third Thursday in Matthews Hall, Room 109. Membership is open to anyone.

"I'd like to see more people from other majors get involved with the club because right now, most of the members of the club are from different business majors," Tyurikov said.

"I think more people need to be interested in that because it's not just for somebody with a business major, and it would be interesting to have participation from other majors." □

### Gaming

Role-playing games provide escape convention attendees

By ERIN SELLERS  
Associate Editor

Gamers and art buffs can schedule this weekend to attend the 3rd annual Uni-Con convention at Joplin's Holiday Inn.

This weekend-long festival features tournaments for all the major games such as *Magic: The Gathering*, and *Warhammer*. "It's a chance for people that





The Southern Exposure Vocal Jazz Quartet added some singing talent to the Southern Jazz Orchestra concert Tuesday night. Shown left, they are performing the well-known song 'Blue Moon.'

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# PSU professor puts God in perspective

Local philosopher explains the deeper meaning behind religion

By GABRIEL L. STOKES  
Chart Reporter

Those who wonder about the religious views of some of our founding fathers took advantage of a chance to hear from someone who has written about these subjects. At 7 p.m. on Nov. 8, Dr. Donald Wayne Viney, professor of philosophy at Pittsburg State University since 1984, gave a talk on his paper titled "Deism, Christianity, and the Age of Reason" at Missouri Southern's Billingsly Student Center.

The talk covered Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), Voltaire (1694-1778), Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), Thomas Paine (1737-1809), and Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), and their views concerning deism and Christianity.

As the audience of 14 students and three faculty members listened in quiet reflection, Viney asked, "Is the Bible divinely inspired? Does God intervene miraculously in nature? Are Biblical prophecies reliable?"

Viney then talked about how Jefferson, Franklin, Paine, Voltaire, and Aquinas responded to these questions. They were mostly Deists, and had similar responses. They believed in God, but not the Christian God, so their answers to most of the questions were "No."

Viney also asked, "What is the relationship between Jesus and God?" He explained that there are three main viewpoints for this question.

First, Viney explained that one could perceive Jesus and God as the same substance. Second, one could perceive them as similar substance, and last, one could perceive them as different substances.

Viney then said, "They all (Franklin, Jefferson, Paine, Voltaire, and Aquinas) denied the divinity of Jesus."

The speech lasted an hour with another hour of questions and discussion. Viney had the audience's full attention, but it was clear the crowd had different reactions because of the wide range of questions that followed the speech.

The different questions ranged from, "If the Bible is not divinely inspired, then what is it?" to "Did the public know about Jefferson's beliefs when he was president?"

When a student asked, "What does it mean to you to be religious?" Viney responded with, "Religion is how we relate to ultimate value."

He went on to say that whatever people find most

important in life or what they think about the most, is what makes up an individual's religion. It could be love of God or love of money, but it is still a religion for the individual who structures one's life around these philosophies.

Viney, a Methodist, briefly explained a few of his religious viewpoints.

"Why should we believe that religion is not dynamic?" he asked.

Viney also explained that religion can change from person to person, from year to year, or from day to day for any individual.

Given a choice between religion set in stone and dynamic religion, Viney prefers a more flexible and dynamic version of religion.

"[The presentation was] very good and informative," said Philip Wilson, sophomore environmental health major. "It gave me a perspective on the evolution of the place of the Christian religion in modern-western civilization in the last 200 years."

"I'm happy we have a forum on campus for this type of discussion," said Dr. Barry Brown, professor of philosophy. "I find this stuff interesting, and I had been curious about the kind of religious views our founding fathers held. It was fun to get to hear someone who had knowledge on this topic." □

# Discovery Day an eye-opener to prospective students

By CANDACE MOORE  
Staff Writer

Many faculty, staff, and administrators have a busy Saturday in store when they welcome high school seniors for another Discovery Day.

These prospective Missouri Southern students will have the opportunity to tour campus, visit with faculty, receive information about financial aid, housing, academics, and other services.

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, has been working to make sure the day is productive for the College and the prospective students.

"We want the students to learn about the College and make established relationships with faculty and students," he said.

The admissions staff coordinates the program, including the student ambassadors and student assistants.

Julie Friend, senior elementary education major, and Mandy Shuster, senior

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DEREK SKAGGS

Director of Enrollment Services

psychology major, are assistants to counselors.

They work behind the scenes contacting faculty and deans, making tour packets, and various other tasks necessary to make Discovery Day possible.

"It gives students an overall impression of everything Southern has to offer," Friend said. "And they get a student's perspective of it all from the ambassadors."

Representatives from all academic departments will be available to prospective students on the third floor of the

Billingsly Student Center during the entirety of the Day.

Skaggs said that Discovery Day will include more of a browsing type of format for the departments, because in the past, the students didn't know exactly what they wanted to major in, and in turn were not sure which departments to visit.

"Most Discovery Day students are pretty sure they want to go to Southern, but they want to see everything we offer first," Skaggs said.

Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre, will represent the theatre department for the first time. He sees recruiting as a key part of being a college professors duties.

"I hope they can see what we have to offer and want to get involved," he said. "And hopefully, they'll enjoy their stay here."

Skaggs said the program has had excellent student response and is eager to see how well the turnout will actually be.

His office does evaluations and the results are positive.

"We've had several tell us it's the best visit program and they like the time they get to spend with faculty," he said. "And the nice thing about Southern that sets us apart is the people here — the faculty bend over backwards to help and the students are so friendly."

Discovery Day begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with an anticipated 50 to 60 students attending.

Afterward, students and their parents can attend the tailgate party at noon, followed by the football game against the University of Missouri-Rolla. □

# Gaming Gone Crazy

Convention draws nefarious characters to share in sci-fi revelry

to meet with other gamers," said Susie Davidson, an employee of the convention's sponsor, Changing Hands Bookshop. But the card games are just the tip of the entertainment iceberg.

The Uni-Con festival will also have board games a la Dungeons and Dragons and live-action role-playing games (LARP), where the participants take on the role of a character, often times a vampire, and play out a scenario.

"LARP is the big one you hear about as being evil," said Jeff Timi, the event's chairman. "The folks that are into it around here are not practicing vampires. They basically get together once a year at our gathering and have fun playing a character for a weekend."

There is also a 24-hour video room that will run from Friday until Sunday, showing science fiction and cult classics all in DVD stereo surround sound available for those people who need a break from all the game playing confusion.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is one of the movies on the agenda, and costumes are encouraged.

"It's become kind of a tradition at these things to show it Saturday at midnight," said Dee Timi, one of the event's coordinators.



toast and whatnot."

Timi said costumes are great, but they're trying to keep the throwing of objects down.

"We try to keep the props to a minimum so we don't have to clean up too big of a mess," he said.

Another major facet of the convention's activities are the art and charity auctions. The art auction, which will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, will feature fantasy art by nationally known artists such as L.A.

"So people can see the movie with people who are dressed up and throwing

Williams, as well as various local artists. The charity auction, which will feature items for gaming as well as gift certificates and savings bonds, will immediately follow the art auction.

"We asked merchants around town to donate items," Davidson said. "We also had a committee that contacted different gaming companies, such as Decipher, and asked them to donate things."

A part of the proceeds from the art auction and all of the proceeds of the charity auction will go to help the Children's Miracle Network. Last year the auctions raised \$2,684 for CMN.

Tickets for Uni-Con are \$15. Registration starts noon on Friday in the Holiday Inn Atrium. The festival runs until Sunday evening. □

## Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



■ Freshman Malisa Kordsmeier and Junior Misty Brook observe a piece of artwork in Southern's Spiva Art Gallery. The art show, titled Southern Showcase, features art work from various students and will be showing through November 19.

### Today 12

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9:15 a.m.-

Southern Video Showcase Day. Marci Burdick of KV3TV (Springfield)

10 - 11 a.m.-

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7 p.m.-

British National Debate Team on campus, Webster auditorium. Parliamentary style debate, topic TBA. Free to everyone.

Contemporary Foreign Film Series: 32 Short Films About Glenn Gould. Webster 105.

Volleyball at Washburn.

### Saturday 13

Southern Discovery Day

11 a.m.-

Volleyball vs. Emporia State

1 p.m.-

Football vs. UMR

7:30 p.m.-

All-District Band Concert, Taylor auditorium.

### Sunday 14

2 - 4 p.m.-

Messiah rehearsal, Taylor auditorium.

2:30 p.m.-

Jazz in Joplin: Trilogy Big Band, Webster auditorium.

3:30 p.m.-

ODK Initiation/Reception, BSC Connor ballroom.

### Monday 15

Enrollment begins for students with 30 or more hours.

12:00 p.m.-

CAB meeting, BSC 310. Everyone welcome and lunch is provided.

### Tuesday 16

7:30 p.m.-

Student Recital, Dr. Susan Smith Onstage, Webster auditorium.

### Wednesday 22

Predicted date of Leonid meteor shower - possibly 1,500 shooting stars per hour.

Ethics Day, sponsored by Career Services.

12 p.m.-

Psychology Club meeting, Taylor Hall 115.

### Thursday 18

Enrollment begins for students with 1 or more hours.

Ethics Day, sponsored by Career Services.



2:30 p.m.-

Latin American Film Series: Central Station, Mayes.

7:30 p.m.-

Senior vocal recital: Cory Gesparich, Webster Hall auditorium.



## Athletes' quarrel sours run

Would anyone have ever thought cross country could provide spectators with so much action, entertainment, education, and disappointment if you are from Missouri Southern?

The Great Lakes Regional Cross Country Championships took place here on Saturday, which is quite an honor for Southern.

What's disgraceful is the fact that there are always athletes competing who don't think they have to play by the rules. Vladimir Golias from

Central

Missouri is the epitome of this type of poor sportsmanship.

When Southern's Petri Kykryi was in a heated battle for second with Golias, everything

was on the line, including a trip to nationals.



SPORTS COLUMN

VINCE SWEENEY

SPORTS EDITOR

Did this race end the way it should have? Was there a happy ending? Did Kykryi hold on and make it to nationals his freshman year?

No, No, and No. Well, that's disappointing, but for a freshman to be up there he will have other chances, right? True, however when he doesn't finish the race, one has to wonder what happened.

Around the second-mile mark, Kykryi was trying to take control of second place over Golias, who was blocking his way. Kykryi admits he pushed him. However, Golias reacted by punching Kykryi in the back of the head! Kykryi began to lose pace with Golias, and eventually dropped out of the race. Let me remind everyone that pushing in cross country tends to happen. Extreme physical contact is another thing.

Kykryi and Simo Wannas, who are also referred to as The Flying Finns, have said this was not the first time they have had problems with the Russian (Golias) this year. Kykryi recalled the conference championship where other problems took place.

Why does something like this happen? Kykryi points out that we have to go back and look at history. Finland and Russia are two countries that have never been fond of one another. Kykryi remembers their struggles in both World War I and World War II, where Russia was trying to take Finland's land and independence. The tension lives on in Southern and Central cross country.

We'll never know if this Cinderella freshman would have qualified for nationals.

Then there's that turkey Golias who would have qualified to nationals individually. Thank God for spectators. Golias hit Kykryi in front of the crowd and was disqualified.

However, Central took first place as a team. Questions still remain though: 1. Whether or not Central will be able to compete as a team; 2. If Central competes as a team, will Golias be able to run with them; or 3. Just leave the entire issue alone. This is a joke, right?

Tom Rutledge said it will be completely up to the NCAA. Please! Should this even be an issue? If I were to guess, the NCAA will not let him run. If he is here next weekend competing, I have a whole new outlook on the NCAA. Central has earned the right to compete. They did not cost Kykryi the chance to go to nationals. Vladimir Golias did. And besides, if Central still managed to take first as a team without his points, they don't need him anyway!

What started off as a big day with high expectations turned into something so unexpected and unfortunate. With the fall season coming to a close, it's time to say that men's cross country has had more success than any other sport, but now they will be watching from a spectator's view next weekend when nationals are in town. □



Freshman Petri Kykryi (265) led the regional cross country meet until he sustained a blow to the head from Central's Vladimir Golias. Kykryi was unable to finish the race.

## Rutledge recalls productive cross country season

### Lions completed their season on Saturday with controversy

By VINCE SWEENEY  
Sports Editor

Whether it be because of a shot to the head, a hot day in November, or just falling short in the end, the men's cross country team could not quite get out of its regional competition to qualify for nationals on Saturday.

The regional cross country meet was held at Missouri Southern on Saturday, where the Lions finished seventh out of 22 teams. Finishing in first place and qualifying to

nationals was Central Missouri State University, with a total of 68 points. Second place went to Lewis University with 87 points.

Leading the way for the Lions was freshman Larry Boswell, who finished 18th with a time of 33:22. Freshman Simo Wannas finished 24th at 33:40. Other finishers were sophomore Chris Morris, 37th, at 34:05; senior Jake Wells, 39th, at 34:08; freshman Brian Lyons, 70th, at 35:14, and freshman David Owens, 104th, at 36:43.

Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach, said Petri Kykryi, the Lions' dropped runner, made a big difference in the final standings. Kykryi was hit in the head by Vladimir Golias from Central, who was disqualified for his actions.

"This is an unfortunate incident," Rutledge said. "Vladimir is a very powerful runner and Central is a very powerful team. This cost us a birth to nationals. Petri is one of our top runners. I am very sad and hurt for Petri."

"I am not blaming Vladimir for that," Kykryi said. "Maybe he affected me somehow. Maybe it was my fault. I don't know. On the other hand, I started fast, probably that, too. I tried too much and that was the consequences. But that's just life."

Rutledge said it was a hot day for November and pointed out that 10 percent of the men's and women's field were unable to finish the race.

Rutledge wanted to express his thanks to Marty Conklin and Bill King from the athletic training staff.

He also thanks Sallie Beard and the softball and baseball teams for their support and volunteer work.

When looking back on the season, Rutledge said the Lions achieved seven goals.

He remembered three first-place finishes with one perfect score.

He also recalled finishing in the top four in three large meets, and then finishing second in the conference.

"Naturally out of five goals, we achieved three," he said.

"One being to win conference and advance to nationals. But it was a very enjoyable year. This is just a great group of young men. I feel like it's going to continue. I am proud of them." □

## Squad begins preparing for future

By VINCE SWEENEY  
Sports Editor

Preparing for the future was one of the women's cross country team's main focuses as its season came to an end on Saturday.

As the Lady Lions completed action at the regional meet held here at Missouri Southern, they finished 11th out of 22 teams with a total of 313 points. Southern Indiana won the meet with 97 points.

Taking the Lady Lions home was sophomore Chastity Hank, who was 43rd with a time of 24:04. Other runners were freshman Angela Hyde, 50th, at 24:16; senior Jill Becker, 61st, at 24:30; freshman Brenna McCall, 71st, at 24:42; junior Emily Petty, 103rd, at 25:25; freshman Mary Garrett, 108th, at 25:34; and freshman Tara Burnett, 148th, at 28:33.

*"I was really pleased with our team performance. The big thing is that we finished out the season with our most competitive race all year.."*

PATTY VAVRA

Women's Cross Country Coach

"I was really pleased with our team performance," said Patty Vavra, head coach. "The big thing is that we finished out the season with our most competitive race all year."

Vavra said the regional meet gave her young team good preparation for big races in the future. Despite a season where two of the top runners were unable to finish, she believes the Lady Lions reached their goals. Vavra said

Becker ran one of the best races of her career.

"It went really good," Becker said. "The season in general went pretty good."

Becker was pleased that her team ran better than it did at conference. The Lady Lions finished fourth against MIAA teams this weekend, compared to

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## Lions hope to end season with home win

By VINCE SWEENEY  
Sports Editor

With the final game of the season tomorrow, the Missouri Southern football team wants to forget about its current five-game losing streak and complete the 1999 campaign on a winning note.

The Lions traveled to Warrensburg on Saturday to take on the Central Missouri State University Mules. The Lion defense went up against Jason Graham, who is probably one of the best running backs in the conference.

Graham wasted no time in getting the Central offense started when he ran for a one-yard touchdown in the first quarter to give his team an early 7-0 lead. As the opening quarter came to a close,

Ryan Koob completed a 22-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Nickerson to put the Mules on top, 14-0. Nickerson recorded his second touchdown on the day when he ran back a 65-yard punt return. Graham later ran for a 62-yard touchdown to give him his second on the day.

Southern managed to get on the board late in the contest when senior half back DeJuan Middleton ran for a 24-yard touchdown. However, it was not enough as Central cruised to a 47-7 pounding on the Lions.

"They (Central) just physically controlled the game at just about every position," said Greg Gregory, head football coach.

Gregory said his team couldn't seem to get anything going offensively. By the second half, several injuries on the

Southern side forced players to play out of their regular positions.

"They (Central) just totally overwhelmed us in that game," Gregory said. "It didn't look like we belonged on the same field with them."

Central moved to 7-3 on the season, and 5-3 in the conference. The Lions dropped to 4-6 overall, and 2-6 in conference play.

Southern will be in action tomorrow at home for the final game of the year, where they will be facing the University of Missouri-Rolla. UMR is coming into the game without a win.

"They (Southern) are a hard team to prepare for," said Kirby Cannon, head football coach at UMR. "Obviously they

TURN TO FOOTBALL, PAGE 9

## Spikers sweep Pitt in straight games

By KRISTY HAMBY  
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern swept arch rival Pittsburg State Wednesday night at Pittsburg, 15-5, 15-2, and 15-6. The Lady Lions dominated the Lady Gorillas in the first two games, but in game three Pitt threatened.

"In the beginning of game three, there was not enough communication on the floor, but we never gave up and played very strong," said sophomore Katie Moore.

The Lady Lions' record stands at 11-16 overall and 6-8 MIAA. The Lady Gorillas' record stands at 2-10 overall, 0-14 MIAA.

Southern traditionally dominates PSU with 35-4 series record. Wednesday was no different.

"We blocked the ball really well and had total team effort and overall did a nice job," said head coach Debbie Traywick.

"We had a really solid match tonight," said freshman Shannon Rocke.

Senior Meredith Hyde and Moore continue to be the keys in the Lady Lions' offense. They lead the team in kills with 319 in 93 games for Hyde and 247 in 92 games for Moore.

Chrissy Schultz is also among the leaders in kills per game with 191 in 92 games.

Traywick said all her players have been playing consistently in the last couple of matches and are progressively getting better as the season starts to wind down.

"Hyde, who is our only senior, will be missed, but we still have a talented group of ladies who will be back next season," Traywick said.

The team is looking forward to its final matches this weekend at home. The team will face Washburn University at 7 p.m. tonight. On Saturday the Lady Lions will finish their season with Emporia State University at 11 a.m.

"Our goal is to win these final matches and finish 8-8 in conference play," Traywick said. "If we continue to play consistent and keep mental mistakes down, we can win these final two matches." □



## ACTIVITY FEE: Ruling may effect Southern clubs

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of them (organizations) or you don't fund any of them because you can't discriminate based on their ideological viewpoint," he said.

Yates said the *Rosenberger* case didn't address the issue of funding activities a student doesn't agree with, and this is where the argument in the current case comes in play.

He said another question arises from the ruling favors the students, that even tuition payments could cause problems for institutions of higher learning based on the broadness or narrowness of the decision.

"If you allow the students to withhold part of their fees because they don't like the way their activities are being spent, logically it would follow that they could also withhold part of their tuition if they didn't agree with some the

activities and the way their tuition was being spent?" Yates asked.

While the Court deliberates the question of whether the Wisconsin students' freedom of speech is violated by compelling them to support others, Carlisle believes the students are, in effect, relinquishing their right to express their opinions by wanting the fee revoked. She believes student involvement helps retain students and hones skills.

"Campus activities do a lot more than just provide events — a lot of leadership development comes from being involved in student organizations," Carlisle said.

In the end, student organizations may be the real losers in this case.

"There's always a tendency for something like this to immediately overreact to protect yourself, and the immediate response would be to withhold all fundin for those

*"Campus activities do a lot more than just provide events — a lot of leadership development comes from being involved in student organizations."*

**VAL CARLISLE**  
Coordinator of Student Activities

types of student organizations," Yates said. □

## FOOTBALL: Lions host UMR

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are not playing like they would like to be, but they are very talented." Cannon mentioned that the Southern option attack will be particularly difficult tomorrow. He also thinks the Lions are one of the more physical teams in the conference defensively.

Cannon said his Miners are vulnerable in passing the ball. He also believes it will be a disadvantage for his team if the game comes down to the wire because they have not been in too many close games this year.

"Right now we are just trying to improve every week and knock someone off if we have the chance," he said.

As for Southern, Gregory said the defense will be facing a talented running back once again this week. Ken Okwuonu from UMR has run a total of 949 yards this year. While UMR is a struggling football team, Gregory knows his team is not playing with confidence, which concerns him.

Southern's main focus is to complete the season on a winning note.

"The season has been disappointing," he said. "We started off strong and then fell apart. There are all sorts of reasons as to why we did not get the job done, but all we are concerned about is preparing to win this football game. We want to attack, have fun, play with enthusiasm, and then we will address the issues. If we play hard, the score will take care of itself."

Kickoff tomorrow afternoon is at one. □

## CROSS COUNTRY: Ladies close year

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their sixth place finish at conference.

Becker thought sophomore Margaret Miklovic's injury played an important factor on the season. She also recalled the illness that took freshman Ashleigh Wendleton out for the season.

Vavra thought the highlight of the women's season was the regional meet, where the team ran its best race of the season.

"I wish everyone could have stayed healthy," Becker said. "But overall the season went pretty good. And we ended the season good." □

## BOOKS:

### Jones gift great asset

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Kemp said some of the books which are in danger of being easily harmed or are rare editions will go into the library's special collection, while the others in better shape will be put into circulation.

He said some of the collection's gems include an old local mining map, histories of Jasper County and Missouri, and a set of *Wizard of Oz* books by L. Frank Baum.



**CHARLES KEMP**

Laas said this is a great gift for the library.

"I think it's an incredibly generous gift to our library," she said. "His library is going to make an incredible contribution to our library. Students are going to use it year after year."

Kemp said this is one of the largest gifts the library has received.

"It ranks probably with the Gibson collection and there's a Fred Hughes collection," he said. "There are a couple of other people who have donated really nice collections like that to us, but it certainly ranks up there."

Kemp said the library is happy to receive donations similar to this.

"Anybody else who's got lots of nice books like that we'd certainly like to have them," he said. "We're always on the lookout for early histories of Joplin, pictures, or people's accounts or anything like this." □

## SPIVA: MOBIUS saves postage fees

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"The cluster in St. Louis is the first one going with it," he said.

Southern will be among the second cluster of universities on the system.

MOBIUS will be accessible via the Internet, allowing for patron-initiated borrowing. Users will be able to search specific individual libraries or the entire network.

"It will be as fast as the Internet," Kemp said.

MOBIUS also encompasses a material delivery system designed to provide 48-hour turnaround on requested volumes.

Gaye Pate, interlibrary loan librarian, said the first day of the new delivery system was Oct. 11 and it has been working like clockwork.

"It has been better than I expected," she said.

Pate said in addition to speed, the system will save Southern postage fees. Kemp said initiating MOBIUS will involve the entire Spiva Library staff.

"We started laying down the groundwork three to four years ago," Kemp said.

MOBIUS is governed by a memorandum of understanding among the participating institutions.

The state is providing beginning and ongoing funding for the system.

Kemp said the system's design lends to possible future extension to public libraries and libraries in other states.

Kemp said MOBIUS will aid distance learning throughout the state.

"All kinds of scenarios are possible," he said. □

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## Gaining a WORLD of Experience

### Political science major, honors student attends conference in Seoul, Korea

BY GINNY ANDREWS  
Senior Editor

The other side of the world is a little farther than most students go to gather research for their senior honors project.

Seoul, Korea's seminar on the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the 21st Century, however, was worth the trip for senior political science major Mary Batson.

NGOs include organizations such as Amnesty International, The United Way, Girl Scouts, and Green Peace.

"Since my project is entitled 'The Role of NGOs in the 21st Century,' it was pretty much the perfect opportunity," Batson said.

According to Dr. Donald Youst, assistant professor of political science and one of Batson's professors, the event was an opportunity for South Korea to get re-involved in the world political system.

"There are a lot of people there who were activists from around the world, but these are people who have a lot of influence with a lot of world governments," Youst said.

He also said it gave the opportunity for Seoul to be synonymous with the conference in years to come.

"Conferences are often recognized by where they take place," he said. "The Rio Conference, an environmental conference that took place during the Bush presidency, is still referred to today."

The event in Seoul, which was held from Oct. 10 to 16, was not exactly what she expected, but Batson says the experience was invaluable.

"It was supposed to be specifically about the role of NGOs, but it turned into a forum for a bunch of people with good causes," she said.

Batson gave the example of 200 workshops held during the conference for some of the 9,000 people to attend.

"Often the workshops were done by interest groups instead of really covering the subject advertised," she said.

The upside to the many people plugging their own causes was the caliber of company Batson was in on a daily basis. She said opening ceremonies for the conference were conducted by the President and First Lady of Korea, and there were several people in attendance with impressive job titles.

"I was sitting in this tent with a woman who is head of the NGO committee for the UN (United Nations)," Batson said.

"And Mary Richardson, head of the UN Human Rights Committee spoke."

"The cool thing was, it was awesome because I knew these were people I would never have been able to rub elbows with if it weren't for the conference."

The contacts she made at the event were nearly as important as the information and sources Batson was able to gather.

*"It really broadened my personal conceptualization of the work and philosophy of NGOs"*

MARY BATSON  
Senior Political Science Major

"It really helped me with my future because that's the career I want," she said.

"It really broadened my personal conceptualization of the work and philosophy of NGOs."

Another facet of the people at the conference that struck Batson was an ability for everyone there to respect the work of others attending the event.

"Everyone was very idealistic," she said.

"I think it was because everyone there was there to make the better place."

While in South Korea, Batson was able to taste a little of the Korean culture, including food, customs, and religion.

"I found that karaoke is very popular there even though we think of it as a stereotype, it really is one of the main things they do for fun," she said.

Batson was also able to visit a Buddhist temple during her visit.

"It was really different," she said. "The neat thing was, you can see the next level of the temple until you reached the top of the mountain. It was on, kind of like the way Buddhists see life as reaching a level before the next one is revealed."

"It was also filled with big, ornate carvings and paintings, which reminded me of a large Catholic church except for the large Buddha at the top."

While there was no real conclusive decision made at the conference to the role of NGOs in the future, Batson agreed with the many people who see a close relationship between governments and NGOs in the future. Part of that conclusion centers around the break up of all larger countries and the political unrest seen in some of those countries. Batson says NGOs often lend credibility to those governments.

"With so many governments falling, governments are being forced to work with and for the people instead of forcing their ideas on them," she said. □



MARY BATSON/Special to The Chart

Above: Batson (bottom right), with former Missouri Southern ISEP student Jung-eun (bottom left) and friends, poses for a picture after a night in Seoul.



Above: A Sculpture featured in Seoul's Olympic Park where the 1988 Summer Olympic Games were held.

Right: Closing sessions at the conference, featuring the United Nations' Mary Richards, and several other leaders of NGOs such as Amnesty International and CONGO.

